

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Apr. 2005
		Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	Apr. 2004	Mar. 2005	Apr. 2005	
		-Dollars -			- Dollars -			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	3.53	3.27	2.86	3.79	3.32	3.12	10.30
Corn	Bu.	3.29	2.38	2.24	2.89	2.02	1.94	6.92
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.86	1.72	1.88	2.78	2.46	2.48	6.80
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	92.00	90.00	90.00	88.90	89.10	96.90	—
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	100.00	140.00	140.00	93.00	96.40	103.00	—
Other 3/	Ton	91.00	82.00	82.00	75.50	70.40	75.40	—
All Tobacco	Cwt.	—	—	--	66.00	146.50	—	—
Peanuts	Lb.	—	—	--	.198	.185	.181	.651
Soybeans	Bu.	9.63	6.37	5.95	9.62	5.95	5.96	16.70
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	—	.230	—	.298	.186	.170	.543
Potatoes	Cwt.	—	—	—	6.62	6.21	6.08	15.60
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	77.40	86.70	92.60	85.00	91.30	91.60	179.00
Cows	Cwt.	46.80	48.20	51.30	50.60	55.00	57.10	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	86.60	101.00	105.00	88.90	95.50	95.60	—
Calves	Cwt.	103.00	128.00	134.00	117.00	135.00	139.00	244.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	47.40	51.20	50.20	111.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	18.00	17.40	16.60	18.10	15.60	15.40	36.60
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	18.00	17.40	16.60	18.10	15.60	15.40	—
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	19.00	14.80	15.00	—
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.640	.380	.290	.619	.327	.261	1.75
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.480	.440	.440	—
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.384	.381	.392	1.050

-- No sales indicated. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.66 fluid, milk 3.66, mfg. grade 3.87.

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VIRGINIA’S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT LOWER YIELDS

The 2005 wheat crop is expected to total nearly 9.52 million bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service. If realized, producers will harvest 4 percent less than last year’s 9.90 million bushels but 29 percent more than the 7.36 million bushels produced in 2003. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 170,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 56 bushels per acre.

In general, the cool temperatures have stunted the growth of small grains. As of early May, the majority of the wheat crop is in fair to good condition with no major insect and disease problems.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production Up 6 Percent from 2004

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels, up 6 percent from 2004. Based on May conditions, the yield is forecast at 45.4 bushels per acre, 1.9 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last season.

WHOLESALE VALUE OF FLORICULTURE SALES, 2003-2004

Types	Virginia		United States 1/ 3/	
	2003*	2004	2003*	2004
	-thousand dollars-			
Growers With \$100,000+				
Cut Flowers	2/	1,250	422,982	421,631
Cultivated Greens	2/	2/	102,065	92,445
Potted Flowering Plants	20,668	23,824	803,462	815,136
Foliage Plants	1,649	1,920	649,681	638,979
Bedding/Garden Plant	51,912	51,403	2,423,726	2,532,545
TOTAL	55,627	78,397	4,401,916	4,500,736
TOTAL ALL GROWERS 4/	82,105	85,553	5,082,172	5,179,696

*Revised. 1/ Represents growers in 36 states. 2/ Not published due to confidentiality rules. 3/ Total does not include unpublished states. 4/ Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below \$100,000. The value of sales for growers below the \$100,000 level were estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the midpoint of each dollar value range.

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MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, VIRGINIA, 1999-2004

Item	Unit	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cattle and Calves							
On Hand First of Year . . .	thous.	1,700	1,600	1,650	1,650	1,630	1,540
Births.	thous.	720	710	720	730	710	720
Inshipments	thous.	13	14	14	14	12	12
Marketings 1/	thous.	746	594	651	678	729	552
Farm Slaughter 2/	thous.	5	5	5	5	5	5
Deaths.	thous.	82	75	78	81	78	75
Production 3/	thous. lbs.	494,703	493,556	518,291	520,845	430,293	465,832
Marketings 4/	thous. lbs.	551,080	441,100	512,550	524,585	505,680	380,880
Average Price Per 100 Lbs.							
Cattle.	dollars	56.4	66.2	65.6	59.1	63.8	79.2
Calves.	dollars	77.5	100	91.5	81.4	87.1	109
Cash Receipts 5/	thous. dols.	324,545	309,449	349,753	322,332	339,260	317,677
Value of Home Use . . .	thous. dols.	9,528	11,066	11,021	9,763	10,216	13,901
Gross Income 6/	thous.dols.	334,073	320,515	360,774	332,095	349,476	331,578
Hogs and Pigs							
On Hand First of Year 7/ .	thous.	390	370	425	415	400	380
Births.	thous.	616	598	494	548	572	556
Inshipments	thous.	15	15	15	15	20	60
Marketings 1/	thous.	569	482	467	544	573	579
Farm Slaughter 2/	thous.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Deaths.	thous.	80	74	50	32	37	40
Production 3/	thous. lbs.	138,853	130,164	119,416	138,513	148,638	139,296
Marketings 4/	thous. lbs.	139,712	120,317	118,772	138,792	146,332	144,850
Average Price Per 100 Lbs .	dollars	29.2	42.2	40.5	31.9	35	46.6
Cash Receipts 5/	thous. dols.	40,882	48,431	48,155	44,326	51,261	67,602
Value of Home Use . . .	thous. dols.	875	1,269	1,267	911	950	1,247
Gross Income 6/	thous. dols.	41,757	49,700	49,422	45,237	52,211	68,849
Sheep and Lambs							
On Hand First of Year	thous.	65	61	61	59	62	55
Births	thous.	50	49	50	55	43	47
Inshipments	thous.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marketings 1/	thous.	44	38.5	41.5	41.5	40	31
Farm Slaughter 2/	thous.	1	1	1	1	1	1
Deaths	thous.	10	10.5	10.5	10.5	10	10
Production 3/	thous. Lbs.	4,443	4,153	4,154	4,648	3,459	3,856
Marketings 4/	thous. Lbs.	4,775	4,138	4,163	4,140	4,283	3,113
Average Price Per 100 lbs.							
Sheep	dollars	28.7	30.2	38.5	26.8	32.2	42.8
Lambs	dollars	74.9	84	80.6	80.6	93	101
Cash Receipts 5/	thous. dols.	3,141	3,085	3,202	3,181	3,233	2,933
Value of Home Consumption	thous. dols.	166	185	166	164	188	206
Gross Income 6/	thous. dols.	3,307	3,270	3,368	3,345	3,421	3,139

1/ Balance sheet estimates by State; cattle for example: the sum of inventory January 1, 2000, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory January 1, 2001. 2/ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. 3/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. 4/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. 5/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. 6/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. 7/ Estimates cover the 12 month period from Dec. 1 the previous year through Nov. 30.

POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, 2000-2004

Item	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Eggs						
Eggs Produced	millions	824	766	734	744	761
Price Per Dozen 2/	cents	96.3	96.1	98.8	118	110
Value of Production	thous. dols.	66,126	61,344	60,433	73,160	69,758
Commercial Broilers 3/						
Number Raised	thous. head	264,900	271,500	265,500	265,100	263,000
Pounds Produced	thous. lbs.	1,298,000	1,330,400	1,301,000	1,299,000	1,341,300
Price Per Pound 4/	cents	34	39	30	34	44
Value of Production 5/	thous. dols.	441,320	518,856	390,300	441,660	590,172
Turkeys						
Number Raised 6/	thous. head	25,500	24,000	20,000	23,000	19,700
Pounds Produced	thous. lbs.	553,350	530,400	446,000	492,200	435,370
Price Per Pound 7/	cents	43	39	37	36	42
Value of Production 5/	thous. dols.	237,941	206,856	165,020	177,192	182,855
Chickens 8/						
Number Sold	thous. head	3,243	2,943	3,037	3,497	3,403
Pounds Sold	thous. lbs.	18,485	20,012	18,526	21,681	21,099
Price Per Pound	cents	6.5	7.5	6.2	7.2	6.3
Value of Production 5/	thous. dols.	1,202	1,501	1,149	1,561	1,329

1/ Annual estimates cover the period from Dec.1 the previous year through Nov. 30. 2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs. 3/ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type breeds. 4/ Price per pound—Livewieght equivalent prices, derived from ready-to-cook (RTC) prices using the following formula; RTC price minus processing cost X (dressing percentage)= Liveweight equivalent price. 5/ Includes home consumption. 6/ Based on turkeys placed Sept. 1, previous year through August 31, current year. Excludes young turkeys lost. 7/ Prices are equivalent live weight returns to producers. 8/ Estimates cover the 12 month period from Dec. 1, the previous year through Nov. 30 and excludes broilers.

MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, 1999-2004

Item	Unit	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Milk Cows on Farms 1/							
Milk Production 2/	Thous.	121	120	118	119	113	105
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	15,479	15,833	15,975	15,891	15,319	16,486
Milkfat Per Cow	Lbs.	556	579	578	508	558	590
Total Milk	Mil. Lbs.	1,873	1,900	1,885	1,891	1,731	1,731
Total Milkfat	Mil. Lbs.	67.2	69.5	68.2	69	63	62
Milk Used Where Produced							
Fed to Calves 2/	Mil. Lbs.	13	11	11	6	6	6
Milk, Cream & Butter	Mil. Lbs.	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Used on Farm	Mil. Lbs.	15	13	13	8	8	8
Milk Marketed by Producers							
Total Milk Marketings 3/	Mil. Lbs.	1,858	1,887	1,872	1,883	1,723	1,723
Combined Price Per 100 Lbs.	Dols.	15.7	14.8	17	14.2	14.2	17.9
Cash Receipts	Thous. dol.	291,706	279,276	318,240	267,386	244,666	308,417
Value of Milk Used							
Value of Milk Used Where Produced 4/	Thous. dol.	314	296	340	284	284	358
Gross Producer Income 5/	Thous. dol.	292,020	279,572	318,580	267,670	244,950	308,775
Value of Milk Produced 4/ 6/	Thous. dol.	294,061	281,200	320,450	268,522	245,802	309,849

1/Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealer's own herds, and small amounts sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds. 4/ Valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream. 5/ Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption. 6/ Includes value of milk fed to calves.